

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 576 - SB 856**

February 26, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires, by September 1, 2021, the Department of Education (DOE) to promulgate rules to regulate how the department's Office of Civil Rights performs its duties. Requires the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee, the Board of Regents, and the local governing board of trustees of each state university to promulgate rules to ensure that each public institution of higher education under the respective board's control is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 by September 1, 2021.

Authorizes the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to conduct a performance audit of the Office of Civil Rights, the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee, the Board of Regents, and the local governing board of trustees of each state university. Requires COT to notify and submit a report to various legislative committees following the completion of an audit related to this section.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- DOE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee, the Board of Regents, and the local governing board of trustees of each state university will be able to promulgate rules during the normal course of business and within existing resources. Any fiscal impact will be not significant.
- It is assumed that the COT may conduct these reviews as part of other audit work already being performed, or through COT's Office of Research and Education Accountability; therefore, the proposed legislation can be accomplished within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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